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MEETING OF THE

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Orange County Transportation Authority: Art Brown, Buena Park

**Riverside County Transportation
Commission:** Robin Lowe, Hemet

**Ventura County Transportation
Commission:** Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME

Thursday, July 12, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Cook, Debbie
Eaton, Paul
Forester, Larry
Gafin, David
Gardner, Nancy
Green, Cathy
Hack, Bert
Hanks, Keith
Harrison, Jon
King, Dorothy
Lilburn, Penny
Marchand, Paul
McDowell, Kelly
Montgomery, Richard
Nelson, Larry
Olivas, David J
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Uranga, Tonya Reyes
Van Arsdale, Lori
Young, Toni
Zine, Dennis

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“Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee”.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Dennis
Washburn, Chair

2.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

4.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Approval Items

5.1.1 April 5, 2007 Minutes
Attachment

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5.2 Receive and File

5.2.1 2007 State and Federal Legislative Matrix
Attachment

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Summary of State and Federal legislative bills of relevance to SCAG operational areas and issues of concern.



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<u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u> (continued)			
5.2.2	<u>Notice of Preparation for the 2008 RTP/RCP Program Environmental Impact Report Attachment</u>	37	
6.0	<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>		
6.1	<u>Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Attachment</u> The proposed project would interconnect renewable wind power to Southern California with new and upgraded facilities between eastern Kern County and the City of Ontario. Recommended Action: Support the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.	Felix Oduyemi Southern California Edison	47 5 Minutes
7.0	<u>WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT</u>	Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair	
8.0	<u>SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB1016 (Wiggins)	Hon. Toni Young, Chair	
9.0	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair	

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10.0	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>			
10.1	<u>Preferred Alternative for Salton Sea Restoration Attachment</u> Features of a \$9 billion plan for restoring the Salton Sea that was announced by California's Secretary of Resources will be reviewed.	Rick Daniels, Executive Director Salton Sea Authority	49	10 Minutes
10.2	<u>Regional Comprehensive Plan Goals and Outcomes for Energy Attachment</u> Staff will present the Goals and Outcomes for the Energy Chapter of the Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan.	Jennifer Sarnecki, SCAG Staff	54	15 Minutes
10.3	<u>Regional Comprehensive Plan Goals and Outcomes for Open Space Attachment</u> Staff will present the Goals and Outcomes for the Open Space Chapter of the Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan.	Jessica Kirchner SCAG Staff	63	15 Minutes
10.4	<u>2007 AQMP Update/Goods Movement Measures</u> Staff will provide an update on the 2007 AQMP.	Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff		45 Minutes



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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 10.5 | <u>Regional Comprehensive Plan Vision and Guiding Principles Attachment</u> | Doug Kim,
SCAG Consultant | 67 | 15 Minutes |
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The SCAG Consultant will present the Regional Comprehensive Plan Vision and Guiding Principles as well as provide an update on the schedule.

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| 11.0 | <u>STAFF REPORT</u> | Jacob Lieb,
SCAG Staff |
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12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request.

13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Report on Washington, D.C. Trip

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held on September 13, 2007, at the SCAG Office, downtown Los Angeles.

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
April 5, 2007

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments, downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Washburn, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Carroll, Stan	City of La Habra Heights
Clark, Margaret (Vice-Chair)	City of Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
Eaton, Paul	City of Montclair
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Hanks, Keith	City of Azusa
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
McDowell, Kelly	SBCCOG
Uranga, Tonya Reyes	City of Long Beach
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Washburn, Dennis (Chair)	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme
Zine, Dennis	City of Los Angeles

Members Not Present

Campbell, Todd	City of Burbank
Carrillo, Victor	City of Imperial
Eckenrode, Norm	City of Placentia
Gafin, David	City of Downey
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
Lilburn, Penny	SANBAG
Nelson, Larry	City of Artesia
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Olivas, David J.	SGVCOG

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was MOVED (Hon. Paul Eaton), SECONDED (Denis Bertone), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of March 1, 2007

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 2007 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 State Infrastructure Bonds' Implementation Hearings

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2007 South Coast AQMP

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, provided a presentation to the members.

It was MOVED (Denis Bertone), SECONDED (Hon. Brian Brennan), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to Recommend that the Regional Council approve SCAG's portion of the 2007 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP); along with a Companion Motion (Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga) SECONDED (Denis Bertone), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to recommend to the Regional Council and direct staff to raise the issue of the health crisis affecting Southern California and to seek emergency action from local, state, and federal governments to alleviate the crisis.

5.2 PEIR Addendum and Conformity Determination for the Proposed Amendment to the 2004 RTP

It was MOVED (Hon. Toni Young), SECONDED (Hon. Lori Van Arsdale), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to request Executive Committee to authorize release of the Addendum and Conformity Determination for the Proposed Amendment to the 2004 RTP in April and adopt in May.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

The next meeting of the Water Policy Task Force is scheduled for April 26, 2007, 10:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

8.0 SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Task Force is scheduled for April 23, 2007, 10:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Save the date: August 8, 2007 – Earthquake Preparedness Conference.

10.0 STAFF REPORT

A workshop will be held on how to access money from recently approved bond measures will be held on May 3, 2007, 9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

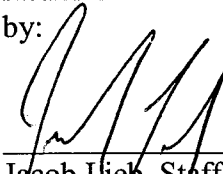
- Research/Speaker Geopolymer Material
- Vinyl vs. Linoleum Discussion
- Green Energy Summit
- Cal Poly Pomona Presentation

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dennis Washburn, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:06p.m.

Action Minutes Approved
by:



Jacob Lieb, Staff
Energy and Environment

MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007
TO: Energy and Environment Committee
FROM: Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst, (213) 236-1880, dunn@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

BACKGROUND:

The attached legislative bill matrix provides summaries of state and federal legislation relevant to SCAG activities and items of interest.

These legislative bills are organized by subject matter in the following categories: SCAG Position Bills, Air Quality, Energy, Environment, Solid Waste, Water, and Water Bonds. An index is provided of ease of reference.

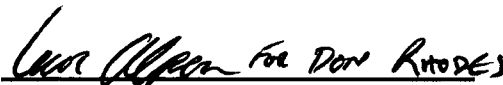
Bill summaries include known on-record positions for other statewide organizations following these issues such as the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, CALCOG, and others. Also included for your information is each bill's position in the legislative process. Any bills included in previous matrices that have failed to move, i.e., 'dead' bills or 'two year' bills (i.e., that have not passed out of its first policy committee before the constitutional deadline), have either been labeled or have been purged from the matrix.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This information item has no fiscal impact on SCAG.

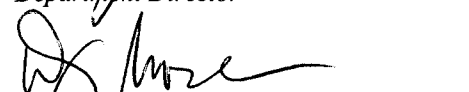
Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix
SCAG Energy and Environment Committee
July 12, 2007

1. Index of Legislation
2. SCAG Position Bills
3. Energy, Environment, Solid Waste, Water & Water Bond Bills

AIR QUALITY

CA AB 99	AUTHOR:	Feuer [D]
	TITLE:	Pollution Control: Clean Alternative Fuel
	INTRODUCED:	12/21/2006
	LAST AMEND:	04/10/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Transportation Committee
	SUMMARY:	Requires adoption of regulations that will ensure that a percentage of new passenger vehicles and light duty trucks sold in the state are clean alternative vehicles.
	STATUS:	
	04/23/2007	In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Failed passage.
	04/23/2007	In ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION: Reconsideration granted.
CA AB 255	AUTHOR:	De Leon [D]
	TITLE:	Air Pollution: Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/05/2007
	LAST AMEND:	04/11/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Appropriations Committee
	SUMMARY:	Creates the Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund and continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the State Air Resources Board to be used towards specified purposes, including incentives for purchasers of vehicles powered by clean alternative fuels or other efficient technologies. Increases the smog abatement fee by a specified amount and would allocate the increase to the Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund.
	STATUS:	
	05/31/2007	In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Heard, remains in Committee.
	Position:	MTC-Sup
CA AB 391	AUTHOR:	Lieu [D]
	TITLE:	Air Quality: South Coast Air Quality Management
	INTRODUCED:	02/15/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Local Government Committee
	SUMMARY:	Relates to the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Increases the number of members.
	STATUS:	
	04/11/2007	In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Not heard.
	Type:	2-Year

CA AB 630	<p>AUTHOR: Price [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Air Emissions Standards: EPA Waiver</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/21/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 05/01/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Requires, if certain requirements are met, the State Air Resources Board to expeditiously adopt a vehicle emissions standard or requirement proposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District that requires a waiver or authorization under the federal Clean Air Act, and would require the state board, if necessary, to submit the standard or requirement to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for waiver or authorization.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/31/2007 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Heard, remains in Committee.</p> <p>Position: AQMD-Sponsor, SCAG-Sup</p>
CA SB 375	<p>AUTHOR: Steinberg [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Transportation Planning: Travel Models: Reviews</p> <p>FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes</p> <p>URGENCY CLAUSE: no</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/21/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: ASSEMBLY</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Relates to guidelines for travel demand guidelines used in regional transportation plans, the requirement a regional transportation plan include a preferred growth scenario designed to achieve goals for the reduction of vehicle miles in the region, an environmental document under the Environmental Quality Act that examines specific impacts of a transportation project located in a local jurisdiction that has amended its general plan and the legislative body finds the project meets specified criteria.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>06/07/2007 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.</p> <p>Position: SCAG-Sup</p>

CA SB 857	AUTHOR:	Correa [D]
	TITLE:	Taxation: Credits: Air Pollution
	INTRODUCED:	02/23/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Environmental Quality Committee
	SUMMARY:	Provides that the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. Authorizes San Joaquin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to prepare a study and report to the Legislature, as specified, on the dollar amount that would be appropriate to authorize a tax credit for the purchase or replacement of qualified property, that is placed into service for the purpose of reducing pollution.
	STATUS:	
	03/15/2007	To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and RULES.
	Type:	2-Year
CA SB 886	AUTHOR:	Negrete McLeod [D]
	TITLE:	Air Quality District Board
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/23/2007
	LAST AMEND:	06/20/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Local Government Committee
	HEARING:	06/27/2007 1:30 pm
	SUMMARY:	Relates to the Air Quality District Board. Deletes prohibitions on a member serving more than a specified number of terms as chairperson. Relates to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.
	STATUS:	
	06/20/2007	From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.
	06/20/2007	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

CA SB 1028	<p>AUTHOR: Padilla [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Air Resources Board: Ambient Air Quality Standards</p> <p>FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes</p> <p>URGENCY CLAUSE: no</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>COMMITTEE: Assembly Natural Resources Committee</p> <p>HEARING: 06/25/2007 1:30 pm</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Requires the Air Resources Board in adopting rules and regulations concerning motor vehicles to ensure that these rules and regulations are sufficient, in conjunction with measures adopted by the districts and the Environmental Protection Agency, for ambient air quality standards. Directs the Board to adopt and enforce rules and regulations requiring development and improvement of new or existing technologies.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>06/19/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>Position: AQMD-Sponsor, SCAG-Sup</p>
US HR 802	<p>SPONSOR: Oberstar [DFL]</p> <p>TITLE: Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/05/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 03/26/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>03/28/2007 In SENATE. Read second time.</p> <p>03/28/2007 To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.</p>
US HR 2548	<p>SPONSOR: Solis [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Reduction of Air Pollution</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 05/24/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/24/2007 INTRODUCED.</p> <p>05/24/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.</p>

US S 1073	<p>SPONSOR: Feinstein [D] TITLE: Clean Air Act INTRODUCED: 03/29/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Clean Air Act to promote the use of fuels with low lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions; establishes a greenhouse gas performance standard for motor vehicle fuels; requires a significant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, and for other purposes.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>03/29/2007 INTRODUCED. 03/29/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 03/29/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p>
US S 1177	<p>SPONSOR: Carper [D] TITLE: Clean Air Act INTRODUCED: 04/20/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>04/20/2007 INTRODUCED. 04/20/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 04/20/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p>
US S 1499	<p>SPONSOR: Boxer [D] TITLE: Clean Air Act INTRODUCED: 05/24/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/24/2007 INTRODUCED. 05/24/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 05/24/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p>

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CA AB 94	AUTHOR:	Levine [D]
	TITLE:	Renewable Energy
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	12/20/2006
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Assembly Natural Resources Committee
	SUMMARY:	
		Revises the intent language so that the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 33% of the total electricity sold to retail customers in California per year by a specified date. Requires that each retail seller increase its total procurement of eligible renewable energy resources by at least an additional 1% of retail sales per year so that 33% of its retail sales are procured from eligible renewable energy resources.
	STATUS:	
	04/23/2007	In ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES: Heard, remains in Committee.
US HR 6	SPONSOR:	Rahall [D]
	TITLE:	Ending Subsidies for Big Oil Act of 2007
	INTRODUCED:	01/04/2007
	LAST AMEND:	06/19/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	SENATE
	SUMMARY:	
		Relates to denial of deduction for income attributable to domestic production of oil, natural gas, or primary products thereof; relates to amortization of geological and geophysical expenditures for certain major integrated oil companies; relates to incorporating price thresholds applicable to royalty suspension provisions; relates to eligibility for new leases and transfer of leases authorizing the production of natural gas; relates to reserves for investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
	STATUS:	
	06/19/2007	In SENATE. Amended on SENATE floor.

US HR 547	SPONSOR:	Gordon [D]
	TITLE:	Alternative Fuel Markets
	INTRODUCED:	01/18/2007
	LAST AMEND:	02/08/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
	SUMMARY:	
		Facilitates the development of markets for alternative fuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research, development, and demonstration and data collection.
	STATUS:	
		02/17/2007 In SENATE. Read second time.
	02/17/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.	
US HR 670	SPONSOR:	Engel [D]
	TITLE:	Alternative Fuels
	INTRODUCED:	01/24/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Multiple Committees
	SUMMARY:	
		Promotes the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign oil through the use of alternative fuels and new vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.
	STATUS:	
		01/24/2007 INTRODUCED.
		01/24/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
	01/24/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on SCIENCE.	
	01/24/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.	
	01/24/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.	
	01/24/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.	

US HR 969	SPONSOR: Udall T [D] TITLE: Federal Renewable Energy Portfolio INTRODUCED: 02/08/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee SUMMARY: Establishes a Federal renewable energy portfolio standard for certain retail electric utilities. STATUS: 02/08/2007 INTRODUCED. 02/08/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US HR 1300	SPONSOR: Hoyer [D] TITLE: Nations Reduced Reliance on Foreign Oil INTRODUCED: 03/01/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Multiple Committees SUMMARY: To strengthen national security and promote energy independence by reducing the Nation's reliance on foreign oil, improving vehicle technology and efficiency, increasing the distribution of alternative fuels, bolstering rail infrastructure, and expanding access to public transit. STATUS: 03/01/2007 INTRODUCED. 03/01/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on ARMED SERVICES. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on RULES. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on SCIENCE. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on HOUSE ADMINISTRATION. 03/01/2007 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
US HR 1451	SPONSOR: Lungren [R] TITLE: Reduction of Dependence on Foreign Oil INTRODUCED: 03/09/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Multiple Committees SUMMARY: To provide incentives to reduce dependence on foreign oil. STATUS: 03/14/2007 In HOUSE Committee on SCIENCE: Referred to Subcommittee on ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT.

US HR 1506	SPONSOR: Markey [D] TITLE: Fuel Economy Standards for Automobiles INTRODUCED: 03/13/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee SUMMARY: To increase fuel economy standards for automobiles, and for other purposes. STATUS: 03/13/2007 INTRODUCED. 03/13/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.
US HR 1596	SPONSOR: Ferguson [R] TITLE: Tax Incentives for Renewable Energy and Conservation INTRODUCED: 03/20/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee SUMMARY: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide and extend tax incentives for renewable energy and conservation. STATUS: 03/20/2007 INTRODUCED. 03/20/2007 To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
US HR 1772	SPONSOR: Blumenauer [D] TITLE: Installation of Wind Energy Property Tax Credits INTRODUCED: 03/29/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee SUMMARY: Provides credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses; relates to other purposes. STATUS: 03/29/2007 INTRODUCED. 03/29/2007 To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.
US S 6	SPONSOR: Reid [D] TITLE: Reducing Foreign and Unsustainable Energy Sources INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee SUMMARY: A bill to enhance the security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign and unsustainable energy sources and the risks of global warming, and for other purposes. STATUS: 01/04/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 01/04/2007 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.

US S 23	<p>SPONSOR: Harkin [D] TITLE: Renewable Fuel and Energy Security INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY: Promotes renewable fuel and energy security of the United States; relates to other purposes.</p> <p>STATUS: 01/04/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 01/04/2007 To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.</p>
US S 155	<p>SPONSOR: Bunning [R] TITLE: Coal to Liquid Fuel Activities INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY: Promotes coal to liquid fuel activities.</p> <p>STATUS: 01/04/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 01/04/2007 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.</p>
US S 183	<p>SPONSOR: Stevens [R] TITLE: Corporate Average Fuel Economy INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY: Requires the establishment of a corporate average fuel economy standard for passenger automobiles of forty miles per gallon 2017, and for other purposes.</p> <p>STATUS: 01/04/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 01/04/2007 To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.</p>

US S 767	SPONSOR:	Obama [D]
	TITLE:	Fuel Economy Standards for Automobiles
	INTRODUCED:	03/06/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee
	SUMMARY:	Increases fuel economy standards for automobiles and for other purposes.
	STATUS:	
	03/06/2007	INTRODUCED.
	03/06/2007	In SENATE. Read second time.
	03/06/2007	To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.
US S 987	SPONSOR:	Bingaman [D]
	TITLE:	Promoting Biofuels
	INTRODUCED:	03/26/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
	SUMMARY:	Enhances the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels; relates to other purposes.
	STATUS:	
	04/12/2007	In SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Hearings held.

ENVIRONMENT

CA AB 109	AUTHOR:	Nunez [D]
	TITLE:	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Annual Report
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	01/05/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	Senate Environmental Quality Committee
	SUMMARY:	Requires the State Air Resources Board to report to the Legislature annually the status and progress of implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires the state to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020.
	STATUS:	
	06/14/2007	To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

CA AB 118	AUTHOR:	Nunez [D]
	TITLE:	Alternative Fuels and Vehicle Technologies: Funding
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	01/09/2007
	LAST AMEND:	06/01/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
	HEARING:	07/03/2007 1:30 pm
	SUMMARY:	
		Creates the Air Quality Improvement Program to fund air quality improvement projects relating to fuel and vehicle technologies and the Alternative Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Carbon Reduction, and Clean Air Program to provide grants and revolving loans to specified entities to develop innovative technologies that transform the state's fuel and vehicle types. Requires the establishment of a related advisory board. Increases driver's license and motor vehicle registration related fees.
	STATUS:	
	06/14/2007	To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
CA AB 493	AUTHOR:	Ruskin [D]
	TITLE:	Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Incentives
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	02/20/2007
	LAST AMEND:	06/01/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	FILE:	A-13
	LOCATION:	Assembly Inactive File
	SUMMARY:	
		Requires the State Air Resources Board to create and implement a clean vehicle incentive program meeting specified requirements, that would provide rebates to, and require surcharges from, purchasers of new motor vehicles based on the vehicle's greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate against emissions of greenhouse gases from motor vehicles. Creates the Clean Vehicle Incentive Account to be administered by the state board.
	STATUS:	
	06/07/2007	In ASSEMBLY. Reconsideration granted.
	06/07/2007	In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

CA AB 505	<p>AUTHOR: Plescia [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Income and Corporation Taxes: Credits: Hybrid</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/20/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 04/10/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Authorizes a credit against the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax in an amount equal to the amount paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year for a qualified hybrid vehicle.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/21/2007 In ASSEMBLY Committee on REVENUE AND TAXATION: Heard, remains in Committee.</p>
CA AB 747	<p>AUTHOR: Levine [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emission: Fuel Standard</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/22/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Failed</p> <p>LOCATION: ASSEMBLY</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Requires the State Air Resources Board to reduce the carbon intensity of the state's transportation fuels. Requires the board to implement a low-carbon fuel standard applicable to refiners, blenders, producers and importers of transportation fuel. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to address how investor-owned utilities can contribute to reduction in greenhouse gas emission in the transportation code.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/10/2007 From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION without further action pursuant to JR 62(a).</p>
CA AB 1077	<p>AUTHOR: Lieber [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Air Resources Board: Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles</p> <p>FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes</p> <p>URGENCY CLAUSE: no</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 06/01/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Enacts the Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Leadership Act of 2007. Establishes a Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council to meet and be an ongoing focal point for coordination between entities and organizations working on plug-in hybrid electric vehicle-related activities. Requires the Air Resources Board to develop certification testing protocols for emissions and fuel consumption for the different types of plug-in vehicles. Requires optional off-peak electrical rate for such vehicles.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>06/19/2007 Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.</p> <p>06/19/2007 Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.</p>

CA AB 1209	AUTHOR: Karnette [D] TITLE: Air Resources Board: Emission Reduction Projects FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 05/01/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee SUMMARY: <p>Relates to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act. Requires a the State Air Resources Board to allocate funds on a competitive basis to projects and measures that are shown to achieve the greatest emission reductions from activities related to freight movement along the state's trade corridors. Requires the projects to result in emission reductions not required by law or regulation in effect as of a specified date and states how the funds must be used.</p> STATUS: 06/14/2007 To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Position: MTA-Sup
CA AB 1488	AUTHOR: Mendoza [D] TITLE: Air Pollution: Smog Check Program: Diesel Vehicles INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 06/01/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: SENATE SUMMARY: <p>Requires the Bureau of Automotive Repair to develop and adopt, by regulation, a pilot program to integrate lightweight diesel vehicles into the smog check program. Provides that diesel vehicles less than 14,000 pounds would be eligible for the program, although vehicle owners would not be subject to disciplinary action based on the test results. Requires a report on the program.</p> STATUS: 06/06/2007 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.

CA SB 19	AUTHOR:	Lowenthal [D]
	TITLE:	Trade Corridor: Projects to Reduce Emissions: Funding
	INTRODUCED:	12/04/2006
	LAST AMEND:	04/10/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Transportation Committee
	HEARING:	07/02/2007 1:30 pm
	SUMMARY:	Relates to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Specifies a list of projects eligible for this funding. Require that the Air Resources Board ensure that these funds are supplemented and matched with funds from federal, state, local, and private sources to the maximum extent feasible. Requires applicants for this funding to include with their application for funding a plan to reduce emissions associated with goods movement activity.
	STATUS:	
	06/07/2007	To ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
CA SB 70	AUTHOR:	Florez [D]
	TITLE:	Biodiesel
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	01/17/2007
	LAST AMEND:	06/18/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Transportation Committee
	HEARING:	07/02/2007 1:30 pm
	SUMMARY:	Specifies standards for biodiesel and biodiesel blends. Requires notification of consumers by retailers of the fuel's biodiesel content. Provides for a specified labeling program. Authorizes school districts to use a biodiesel fuel blend to operate all of their diesel-powered schoolbuses if certain conditions are met. Authorizes the use of a biodiesel fuel blend to operate diesel-powered vehicles owned or leased by the State, by a city, county, or city and county, or by a mass transit district.
	STATUS:	
	06/18/2007	From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.
	06/18/2007	In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

CA SB 71	<p>AUTHOR: Florez [D] TITLE: Alternative Fuels: Biodiesel INTRODUCED: 01/17/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/16/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee SUMMARY: Requires all vehicles owned or leased by the state, by a city, county or city and county, or by a mass transit district, that uses diesel fuel to instead use B20 biodiesel fuel or a higher blend of biodiesel fuel, if biodiesel blend fuel is cost-effective and readily available. Requires the State Air Resources Board to establish a program to implement and monitor the requirements. STATUS: 04/16/2007 From SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING with author's amendments. 04/16/2007 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.</p>
CA SB 375	<p>AUTHOR: Steinberg [D] TITLE: Transportation Planning: Travel Models: Reviews FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/21/2007 LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Relates to guidelines for travel demand guidelines used in regional transportation plans, the requirement a regional transportation plan include a preferred growth scenario designed to achieve goals for the reduction of vehicle miles in the region, an environmental document under the Environmental Quality Act that examines specific impacts of a transportation project located in a local jurisdiction that has amended its general plan and the legislative body finds the project meets specified criteria. STATUS: 06/07/2007 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY. Position: MTC-SupInConc, SCAG-Sup</p>

CA SB 947	<p>AUTHOR: Hollingsworth [R] TITLE: Consultation: Transportation Facilities INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/30/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Requires notice of at least one scoping meeting to be provided to transportation planning agencies or public agencies required to be consulted concerning a project proposed by a lead agency which requires an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the project's effect on overpasses, on-ramps, and off-ramps to be included in that consultation. STATUS: 05/24/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and TRANSPORTATION. Position: SANBAG-Sup</p>
US HR 1756	<p>SPONSOR: Hunter [R] TITLE: Mexico Domiciled Motor Carriers INTRODUCED: 03/29/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Multiple Committees SUMMARY: Prohibits Mexico-domiciled motor carriers from operating beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border until certain conditions are met to ensure the safety of such operations. STATUS: 04/10/2007 In HOUSE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY: Referred to Sbcmt. on TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION.</p>
US HR 1773	<p>SPONSOR: Boyda [D] TITLE: Authority of the Secretary of Transportation INTRODUCED: 03/29/2007 LAST AMEND: 05/15/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee SUMMARY: Limits the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border. STATUS: 05/16/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 05/16/2007 To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.</p>

US S 280 **SPONSOR:** Lieberman [D]
TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions
INTRODUCED: 01/12/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
SUMMARY:
Provides for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas treatable allowances.
STATUS:
01/12/2007 INTRODUCED.
01/12/2007 In SENATE. Read second time.
01/12/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

US S 906 **SPONSOR:** Obama [D]
TITLE: Elemental Mercury Prohibitions
INTRODUCED: 03/15/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
SUMMARY:
A bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.
STATUS:
03/15/2007 INTRODUCED.
03/15/2007 In SENATE. Read second time.
03/15/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

SOLID WASTE

CA AB 722 **AUTHOR:** Levine [D]
TITLE: Energy: General Service Lamp
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/22/2007
LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
FILE: A-9
LOCATION: Assembly Inactive File
SUMMARY:
Amends the Warren-Alquist State Resources Conservation and Development Act which requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe the minimum level of operating efficiency for lighting devices. Requires general service lamps sold in the state within specified ranges of lumen output to meet a minimum energy efficiency standard of a specified lumens per watt.
STATUS:
06/07/2007 In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.

CA AB 1150	AUTHOR: Lieu [D] TITLE: Solid Waste: Transformation INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Relates to a transformation integrated waste management program. Defines transformation as the incineration of solid waste, or the processing of solid waste through a noncombustion thermal, chemical, or biological process. STATUS: 03/15/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA AB 1237	AUTHOR: Hancock [D] TITLE: Solid Waste: Solid Waste Facilities INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Relates to existing law which requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to either concur or object to the issuance or revision of a solid waste facility permit within 60 days from the board's receipt of a facility permit. Extends the time period in which the board may concur or object to 90 days. Eliminates the need for a public hearing prior to an enforcement action by the board. STATUS: 03/15/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
CA SB 1016	AUTHOR: Wiggins [D] TITLE: Diversion: Annual Reports FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/10/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes the Integrated Waste Management Board, if it determines that a city or county has diverted more than 50% of solid waste from landfill disposal through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, to submit once every 2 years the information required in a specified report. Provides that, for a city or county submitting the report every 2 years, they must return to annual submission if they fail to divert 50% of the solid waste, or if the board rescinds the authorization. STATUS: 05/24/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

CA SB 1020	<p>AUTHOR: Padilla [D] TITLE: Solid Waste: Diversion INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/09/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Requires, with exceptions, that a city or county divert from landfill disposal or transformation no less than 75% of all solid waste, through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Makes nonsubstantive technical changes. STATUS: 06/19/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>
US HR 70	<p>SPONSOR: Davis Jo [R] TITLE: Out of State Municipal Solid Waste Regulations INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes States to regulate the receipt and disposal of out-of-State municipal solid waste. STATUS: 01/04/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/04/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.</p>
US HR 274	<p>SPONSOR: Davis Jo [R] TITLE: Municipal Solid Waste INTRODUCED: 01/05/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Energy and Commerce Committee SUMMARY: Imposes certain limitations on the receipt of out-of-state municipal solid waste. STATUS: 01/05/2007 INTRODUCED. 01/05/2007 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.</p>
US HR 518	<p>SPONSOR: Dingell [D] TITLE: Solid Waste Disposal Act INTRODUCED: 01/17/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY: Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, and for other purposes. STATUS: 04/25/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 04/25/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p>

US HR 720	SPONSOR: Oberstar [DFL] TITLE: Water Pollution Control INTRODUCED: 01/30/2007 LAST AMEND: 03/09/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds. STATUS: 03/12/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 03/12/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US S 719	SPONSOR: Lautenberg [D] TITLE: Surface Transportation Board INTRODUCED: 02/28/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee SUMMARY: Amends section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board. STATUS: 02/28/2007 INTRODUCED. 02/28/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 02/28/2007 To SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION.

WATER

CA AB 224	AUTHOR: Wolk [D] TITLE: Water Supply Planning FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 01/29/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/25/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending COMMITTEE: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee HEARING: 06/26/2007 9:30 am SUMMARY: Enacts the Climate Change and Water Resource Protection Act of 2007. Requires the Department of Water Resources to include an analysis of the potential effects of climate change, in reports or plans that the department is required to prepare. Prohibits the department from approving a request for a specified grant unless certain requirements are met. Requires a report by the Water Resources Control Board that quantifies the energy savings and greenhouse emission reduction of water supply development. STATUS: 06/14/2007 To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
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CA SB 27	<p>AUTHOR: Simitian [D] TITLE: Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Drinking Water FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006 LAST AMEND: 04/24/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: ASSEMBLY SUMMARY: Requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency to begin implementing certain actions on behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, including investing in emergency preparedness, funding projects to aid sustainability in the Delta, identifying critical levees to be strengthened, and commencing Delta restoration projects. Declares legislative intent to enact legislation to begin implementing a program for sustainable management of the Delta in 2008. STATUS: 06/04/2007 In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.</p>
US HR 122	<p>SPONSOR: Dreier [R] TITLE: Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007 LAST AMEND: 03/05/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project. STATUS: 03/06/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 03/06/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>
US HR 700	<p>SPONSOR: McNerney [D] TITLE: Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 INTRODUCED: 01/29/2007 LAST AMEND: 03/08/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY: Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects. STATUS: 03/09/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 03/09/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.</p>

US HR 720	SPONSOR: Oberstar [DFL] TITLE: Water Pollution Control INTRODUCED: 01/30/2007 LAST AMEND: 03/09/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds. STATUS: 03/12/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 03/12/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
US HR 1140	SPONSOR: Calvert [R] TITLE: Advanced Water Treatment Plant Facility INTRODUCED: 02/16/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: To authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes. STATUS: 05/08/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 05/08/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
US HR 1495	SPONSOR: Oberstar [DFL] TITLE: Conservation and Development of Water INTRODUCED: 03/13/2007 LAST AMEND: 05/16/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Conference Committee SUMMARY: To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes. STATUS: 05/16/2007 In SENATE. Amended on SENATE floor. 05/16/2007 In SENATE. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE for concurrence. 05/16/2007 In SENATE. SENATE insists on its amendments and requests a conference. 05/16/2007 *****To CONFERENCE Committee.

US HR 1725	<p>SPONSOR: Bono [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 03/28/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: House Natural Resources Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>03/28/2007 INTRODUCED.</p> <p>03/28/2007 To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>
US HR 1737	<p>SPONSOR: Capps [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 03/28/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/08/2007 In SENATE. Read second time.</p> <p>05/08/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>
US HR 2421	<p>SPONSOR: Oberstar [DFL]</p> <p>TITLE: Federal Water Pollution Control Act</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 05/22/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>05/22/2007 INTRODUCED.</p> <p>05/22/2007 To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.</p>

US S 294	SPONSOR: Lautenberg [D] TITLE: Reauthorizing Amtrak INTRODUCED: 01/16/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: SENATE SUMMARY: A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes. STATUS: 05/22/2007 From SENATE Committee on COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Reported as amended. 05/22/2007 In SENATE. Placed on SENATE Legislative Calendar.
US S 1474	SPONSOR: Feinstein [D] TITLE: Construction of Water Facilities INTRODUCED: 05/24/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes. STATUS: 05/24/2007 INTRODUCED. 05/24/2007 In SENATE. Read second time. 05/24/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

WATER BONDS

CA AB 41	AUTHOR: La Malfa [R] TITLE: Water Resources: Temperance Flat Surface Water FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes URGENCY CLAUSE: no INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006 LAST AMEND: 04/09/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee SUMMARY: Relates to the Temperance Flat Surface Water Storage Project and Site Reservoir. Relates to the Environmental Quality Act. Provides for various exemptions from requirements of the act regarding construction of the Temperance Flat Surface Water Storage Project and the Sites Reservoir. STATUS: 04/09/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES. 04/09/2007 From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments. 04/09/2007 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.
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CA AB 1253 **AUTHOR:** Caballero [D]
TITLE: Regional and Local Land Use Plans
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 04/17/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
COMMITTEE: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
HEARING: 06/26/2007 9:30 am
SUMMARY:
Creates the Sustainable Communities Regional and Local Land Use Planning Program within the Resources Agency. Requires the agency Secretary to administer the program. Appropriates unspecified sums from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 for grants and incentives for the development of specified regional and local land use plans, for grants and loans to local governments, councils of governments, and other public agencies.
STATUS:
06/14/2007 To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
Position: CALCOG-SupInConc

CA AB 1297 **AUTHOR:** Arambula [D]
TITLE: Water: Regional Water Management Plans
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 05/02/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:
Prohibits state funding for the development of a regional plan pursuant to the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act from exceeding 5% of the total funding available for integrated regional water management for the region or part of the region covered in the plan. Directs providing 5% of the amount available for integrated regional water management for a region or part of the region covered in the plan, for development or improvement of a plan, to a regional water management group.
STATUS:
05/31/2007 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS:
Heard, remains in Committee.
Position: CALCOG-SupInConc

CA AB 1303 **AUTHOR:** Smyth [R]
TITLE: Urban Greening
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
LAST AMEND: 04/30/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee
SUMMARY:
 Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a local assistance program to offer grants to an eligible city, county or district authorized to provide park, recreational or open-space services or a combination of those services. Requires the department, in evaluating an application for a grant, to assign higher priority to an application based on satisfying specified criteria.
STATUS:
 05/31/2007 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS:
 Heard, remains in Committee.
Position: CALCOG-SupInConc

CA AB 1602 **AUTHOR:** Nunez [D]
TITLE: Environment: Sustainable Communities
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:
 Establishes the sustainable communities and urban greening grant program. Grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving the sustainability and liability of communities through the development of green infrastructure that provides multiple benefits, including improved air and water quality, energy and water conservation, climate change mitigation and recreational and other community benefits.
STATUS:
 06/14/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL
 QUALITY.
Position: CALCOG-SupInConc

CA SB 5	AUTHOR:	Machado [D]
	TITLE:	Flood Management
	INTRODUCED:	12/04/2006
	LAST AMEND:	04/25/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	COMMITTEE:	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
	HEARING:	06/26/2007 9:00 am
	SUMMARY:	Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management Plan and to adopt the plan. Requires the plan to include specified components relating to the river flood management system. Requires flood risks in approvals of projects in flood hazard zones. Requires specified local governments to amend the general plan to include related specified data, analysis, goals, and objectives and to develop funding mechanism to finance local flood responsibilities.
	STATUS:	
	06/19/2007	To ASSEMBLY Committees on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
CA SB 27	AUTHOR:	Simitian [D]
	TITLE:	Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Drinking Water
	FISCAL COMMITTEE:	yes
	URGENCY CLAUSE:	no
	INTRODUCED:	12/04/2006
	LAST AMEND:	04/24/2007
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	ASSEMBLY
	SUMMARY:	Requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency to begin implementing certain actions on behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, including investing in emergency preparedness, funding projects to aid sustainability in the Delta, identifying critical levees to be strengthened, and commencing Delta restoration projects. Declares legislative intent to enact legislation to begin implementing a program for sustainable management of the Delta in 2008.
	STATUS:	
	06/04/2007	In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

CA SB 167	<p>AUTHOR: Negrete McLeod [D]</p> <p>TITLE: General Plans: Planning Grants and Incentives</p> <p>FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes</p> <p>URGENCY CLAUSE: no</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/01/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to award grants and loans to cities and counties to prepare and adopt general plans, habitat conservation plans, zoning ordinances, design standards, and municipal service reviews, including the costs of complying with the Environmental Quality Act. Appropriates funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 for the 2007-08 fiscal year.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>06/04/2007 From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS with author's amendments.</p> <p>06/04/2007 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.</p>
CA SB 732	<p>AUTHOR: Steinberg [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006</p> <p>FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes</p> <p>URGENCY CLAUSE: no</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007</p> <p>LAST AMEND: 06/04/2007</p> <p>DISPOSITION: Pending</p> <p>LOCATION: ASSEMBLY</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Implements the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act. Requires departments that are to implement the initiative to develop and adopt guidelines and regulations. Provides for funds for nature education and research facilities and for parks, reports regarding grant recipients, investor-owned utilities, and the funding of integrated regional water management plan projects or programs. Creates the Sustainable Communities Council and Fund.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>06/07/2007 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.</p> <p>Position: CALCOG-SupInConc</p>

CA SB 763	AUTHOR: Ridley-Thomas [D] TITLE: Economic Development Programs INTRODUCED: 02/23/2007 LAST AMEND: 04/30/2007 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee SUMMARY: Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation providing that all economic development programs implemented by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency should, at the discretion of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, adopt specified objectives. STATUS: 05/03/2007 Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on RULES. 05/03/2007 Re-referred to SENATE Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Position: CALCOG-SupInConc
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MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Energy and Environmental Committee

FROM: Jessica Kirchner, (213) 236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation for the 2008 RTP/RCP Program Environmental Impact Report

BACKGROUND:

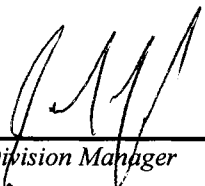
In late June 2007, SCAG released the Notice of Preparation for the 2008 RTP/RCP Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The NOP is the formal announcement that a PEIR will be prepared, jointly, for the 2008 RTP and the 2008 RCP. The NOP includes the project location, description, and the expected scope of environmental analysis, and it solicits relevant comments pertaining to the scope and content of the anticipated analysis for the PEIR. The NOP is an important step in the CEQA process and helps to ensure active participation from agencies, decision-makers, other stakeholders, and the public in the development of the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR.

The NOP was mailed to interested individuals and agencies and posted on the SCAG website. Substantive comments from these individuals and agencies will be incorporated into the Draft PEIR as appropriate. A copy of the NOP is attached for the committee's information.

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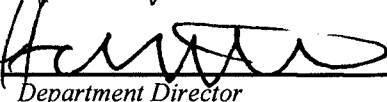
Activities related to development of the PEIR are contained in the OWP under the work element 07-020.SCGS1.

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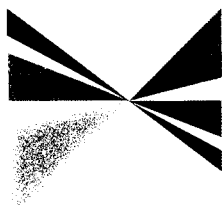


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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Interested Agencies and Individuals

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR) FOR THE 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND 2008 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (RCP)

DATE: JUNE 27, 2007

LEAD AGENCY:

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
818 West Seventh Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435

The Southern California Association of Governments, as Lead Agency, will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2008 Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP).

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to obtain input into the scope and content of the environmental information that will be evaluated in the PEIR. The project location, description, and the expected scope of environmental analysis are attached on the following pages.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

Two regional scoping meetings will be held to help refine the scope and content of the PEIR:

Tuesday, July 24
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SCAG Office - Riverside
3600 Lime Street, Suite 216
Riverside, California 92501

Wednesday, July 25
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SCAG Office - Los Angeles
(San Bernardino A & B rooms)
818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90017

All agencies, interested parties and members of the public are encouraged to attend. The scoping meeting and the NOP provide agencies and the public with opportunity to comment on the scope and content of the PEIR. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the scoping meeting. Written comments on the NOP will be accepted until July 31st. A copy of the NOP is attached and available on the SCAG website: www.scag.ca.gov.

Please send your response to **Jessica Kirchner** at the address shown below or visit our website at <http://www.scag.ca.gov>. Please include a return address and the name of a contact person in your agency. Please send your comments electronically, if possible.

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Attachments: Location and Background, Project Description, and Scope of Environmental Analysis

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR) FOR THE 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), is comprised of six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and 186 cities in Southern California, and is the agency charged with addressing and resolving short- and long-term regional policy issues. The SCAG region has more than 18 million residents and encompasses more than 38,000 square miles, representing the largest and most diverse region in the country.

SCAG's governing body, the Regional Council, is composed of over 70 elected officials representing cities and counties, tribal governments, the county transportation commissions, and subregional organizations throughout the region. In addition to the Regional Council, there are four standing committees: Administration Committee, Transportation and Communications Committee; Community, Economic and Human Development Committee; and Energy and Environment Committee. In addition to the four standing committees, there are various task forces, subcommittees, and groups that address specific regional policy, technical planning, and air quality conformity issues.

SCAG is officially designated under federal law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Southern California region. Additionally, under state law, SCAG is designated as a Council of Governments (COG) and a Multi-County Designated Transportation Planning Agency. As such, SCAG has a number of formal authorities and responsibilities, including:

- Conducting comprehensive transportation planning and programming processes that result in a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Together these documents serve as the legal basis for transportation decision-making in the region.
- Conducting a comprehensive environmental planning process, including a Program Environmental Impact Report for the RTP and reviewing and assessing Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) for all projects of regional significance.
- Determining, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, the conformity of SCAG transportation projects, plans, and programs to air quality requirements.
- Developing demographic projections and the integrated land use, housing, employment, and transportation programs, measures, and strategies portions of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan.
- Conducting inter-governmental review of programs proposed for federal assistance.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is undertaking an integrated and innovative approach to land use and transportation planning. SCAG is simultaneously preparing the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2008 Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) for the SCAG region. Together, the RTP and RCP provide a long-term comprehensive land use and transportation planning blueprint for the region. One Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), referred to herein as the "2008 RTP/RCP PEIR," will be prepared to address the environmental implications of these two companion plans.

Although both Plans have a long-term time horizon of 2035, under which policies and projects are planned and proposed to be implemented, federal and state mandates ensure that the RTP in particular is both flexible and responsive in the near term. Therefore, these Plans are regarded as both long-term regional planning blueprints and as dynamic planning tools subject to continuous refinement as regional conditions change. SCAG, acting in its capacity as a Lead Agency under CEQA, will prepare the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the RCP and RTP.

RTP

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the culmination of a multi-year effort with a focus on improving the balance between land use and transportation systems, both current and future. SCAG is required by federal law to create a RTP that determines the needs of the transportation system and prioritizes proposed transportation projects. The RTP is also necessary to obtain and allocate federal funding for regional transportation projects. Under new metropolitan planning law as contained in the federal "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU), the RTP must be comprehensively updated once every four years (previously the plan has been updated every three years; SAFETEA-LU extended the update period to four years) to ensure that the plan adequately addresses future travel needs and is consistent with the federal Clean Air Act. SCAG does not implement individual projects in the RTP; these projects will be implemented by agencies other than SCAG.

The RTP is a compendium of policies, strategies, and projects that serve as the transportation action plan for the SCAG region. The 2008 RTP is a multi-modal Plan representing a vision for a better transportation system, integrated with the best possible growth pattern for the region over the Plan horizon of 2035. The Plan provides the basic policy and program framework for long term investment in our vast regional transportation system in a coordinated, cooperative and continuous manner.

SCAG develops the RTP in coordination and consultation with the county transportation commissions, subregional organizations, transit operators and other transportation stakeholders. To ensure a balanced, multi-modal plan that meets regional as well as county-specific goals, SCAG integrates the planning activities of

each of the counties in the region. The 2008 RTP includes a comprehensive strategy for carrying out policies and projects that include the following:

- Goods Movement;
- Maglev;
- Aviation;
- Transit;
- Rail systems (light rail/heavy rail);
- Toll Roads;
- Highway and Strategic Arterial Improvements; and,
- Intelligent Transportation Systems.

SAFETEA-LU modified existing State and MPO transportation planning processes. Specifically, SAFETEA-LU requires that “a long-range transportation plan shall include a discussion of the types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities, including activities that may have the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by the plan.” Pursuant to these new planning requirements, SCAG conducted expanded consultation associated with the 2004 RTP PEIR mitigation measures as part of its “Gap Analysis.” As a result of this process, mitigation measures have been refined since the 2004 RTP. These changes were made based on review and input from Federal, State, and Tribal as well as wildlife, land management and regulatory agencies. Consultation activities will continue as part of the 2008 RTP, 2008 RCP and PEIR development processes to the maximum extent practicable.

Additional new requirements under SAFETEA-LU and federal regulations include:

- Developing in consultation with all interested parties, an expanded public participation plan to provide interested parties with reasonable opportunities for involvement in the metropolitan transportation planning and programming processes.
- Adding the phrase “promote consistency of transportation plan and transportation improvements with State and local planned growth and economic development patterns” to the environmental planning factor.

SCAG is coordinating efforts to comply with the new SAFETEA-LU planning requirements described above with efforts undertaken through the state CEQA process. As such, particular emphasis in the RTP and RCP will be placed on these new planning requirements, including those that prescribe coordinated planning and consideration of environmental resources.

RCP

SCAG is also preparing the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), a bold visionary plan that addresses nine topic areas. Borne from SCAG’s own initiative, the RCP contains policies and actions that promote a coordinated strategy for growth, development and environmental protection. As such, the RCP will function as a (voluntary) companion document to the federally mandated RTP. The RTP describes the region’s strategy for transportation system function and infrastructure

enhancement, while the RCP expands on the RTP's assumptions regarding growth, land use, and urban form.

SCAG does not have local land use approval jurisdiction, rather implementation of the RCP policies will be achieved at the local level. SCAG member agencies are encouraged to apply these policies and principles by incorporating them into General Plan updates and through the approval process for individual development projects. The RCP advocates a land use development pattern that promotes infill and transit oriented developments. The RCP proposes regional policies supporting intensification of land-use along major transit corridors and other urbanized parts of the region to accommodate future growth and preserve undeveloped land. The RCP also advocates a more effective utilization of the existing transportation system, particularly the public transit system.

The RCP will include visionary goals, outcomes and action plans for the following areas:

- Open Space and Habitat
- Energy
- Air Quality
- Solid Waste
- Land Use and Housing
- Safety and Security
- Transportation
- Water

PRELIMINARY PLAN ALTERNATIVES

It is anticipated that the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR will evaluate at least three (3) Plan Alternatives. Each Alternative, except the No Project Alternative, will include a wide range of policies and projects including, but not limited to variations in land use density and intensity, aviation, bus routes, freight rail, high-speed passenger rail, highway/roadway construction and widening, and passenger rail construction.

SCAG has the discretion to select an Alternative in its entirety or to combine elements of various Alternatives to develop the final Alternative selected for the RTP and PEIR. Initial Alternatives include:

NO PROJECT ALTERNATIVE

The No Project Alternative consists of all policies and major projects that are reasonably foreseeable and reasonably expected to go forward without the 2008 RTP or 2008 RCP, including all projects that have already received funding, are scheduled to receive funding, and/or have received environmental clearance by December 2006. The No Project Alternative will assume that no safety-related maintenance would be deferred, but the overall appearance and function of the transportation system would be expected to deteriorate.

THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE

The Environmentally Superior Alternative will explore land use and transportation policies designed to further sustainability objectives including reduced consumption of resources, particularly energy resources, and with a focus on reducing emission of Greenhouse Gases in accordance with AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

MODIFIED 2004 RTP

The Modified 2004 RTP Alternative will include the policies and projects from the 2004 RTP, updated with more recent population information.

SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and *CEQA Guidelines* require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for any discretionary government action, including programs and plans that may cause significant environmental effects. Specifically, the RTP and RCP necessitate preparation of a PEIR, which is a “first-tier” CEQA document designed to consider “broad policy alternatives and program wide mitigation measures” (*CEQA Guidelines* §15168). The programmatic environmental analysis for the PEIR will evaluate environmental effects, including direct and indirect effects, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts, and will include available, feasible mitigation measures to offset any identified potentially significant adverse environmental effects. In addition, the PEIR will supply the foundation for the subsequent, site-specific environmental reviews that will be conducted by implementation agencies, as projects in the RTP and RCP are developed (*CEQA Guidelines* §15385).

In addition to fulfilling legal requirements, the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR will provide an opportunity to inform decision-makers and the public about potential environmental effects associated with the implementation of the RTP, RCP and Alternatives. This environmental analysis will ultimately support the selection of the Preferred Project, and will provide a useful regional-scale environmental planning tool to help local agencies evaluate and reduce cumulative environmental effects.

The impact categories listed below have been preliminarily identified for analysis in the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR.

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Land Use
- Noise
- Population, Employment, and Housing
- Public Service and Utilities

- Transportation
- Water Resources

For additional background information, the PEIR for the 2004 RTP is available at the SCAG website: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/peir/>. Although many of the significant impacts identified in the 2004 RTP PEIR will be relevant in the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR, the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR will provide additional evaluation of alternatives, cumulative impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and mitigation measures, as feasible.

SUMMARY

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) is intended to inform agencies and individuals of the preparation of the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR. Comments regarding the scope of the PEIR received during the 30-day NOP review period will be used to refine the scope and content of the PEIR. Active participation from agencies, decision-makers, stakeholders and the public will help ensure that the PEIR is adequate, objective and useful.


REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Regional Council
Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Jennifer Brost Sarnecki, AICP, Senior Planner, (213) 236-1829, sarnecki@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Support the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

BACKGROUND:

On April 24, 2007, a representative from Southern California Edison (SCE) presented information on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) to the Energy Working Group for review and comment. The proposed project would interconnect renewable wind power to Southern California with new and upgraded facilities between eastern Kern County and the City of Ontario in San Bernardino County. Energy developers are planning new wind farms in the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area in Kern County. Although SCE does not own the proposed wind farms, it is required to construct extensions of its transmission system to them so that wind power can be delivered to the state's energy grid. In order to increase its ability to deliver this renewable wind energy to customers, SCE must upgrade its transmission lines and substations south of the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area by constructing the TRTP. The majority of the project would be constructed in existing rights-of-way, replacing or upgrading existing SCE facilities.

As identified during the Energy Working Group, the TRTP is generally supportive of the preliminary Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) goal to increase the share of renewables in the region's energy mix. Furthermore, the region's demand for energy, including renewable energy produced from wind, continues to grow. The TRTP would help meet California's renewable portfolio standard that at least 20 percent of the electricity be produced by renewable resources by 2010. In addition, the TRTP would reduce greenhouse gas emissions as required in the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32).

SCAG anticipates reviewing the project as part of our Intergovernmental Review responsibilities. The proposed project would be considered regionally significant per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15206) since it considers new or expanded electrical generating facilities and transmission lines. A number of policies in SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide, Regional Transportation Plan, and Compass Growth Vision would be applicable to the project. SCAG staff expects future environmental documentation for the TRTP to cite the appropriate SCAG policies and address the manner in which the project is consistent with applicable core policies or supportive of applicable ancillary policies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Support of this transmission project will not result in a fiscal impact.



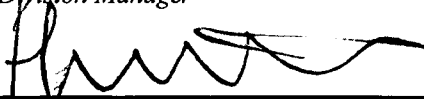
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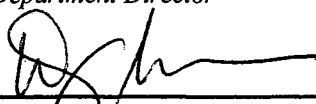
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MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Daniel E. Griset, Program Manager, 213.236.1895, griset@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: A Preferred Alternative for Salton Sea Restoration

BACKGROUND:

As a part of protecting Southern California's access to the Colorado River water supplies, the state took on a responsibility for the restoration of the Salton Sea. This commitment was one element of the Quantification Agreements reached among various water agencies in 2003 that allowed California to maximize its access to vital Colorado River water.

Now, as a result of an extended study of alternative proposals for restoring the Salton Sea, the Secretary for Resources announced on May 25, 2007 a Preferred Alternative that reflects a 75 year vision for this ecosystem at an estimated cost of \$8.9 billion. The selection of this alternative was guided by certain directives established by the Legislature beginning in 2002 that called for the protection of fish and wildlife resources by restoring habitat, the elimination of air quality impacts from the restoration project and the protection of water quality. These directives were subject to a standard of "maximum feasible attainment". The Programmatic Environmental Impact Report that was released in draft form in October, 2006 is expected to be released in Final form sometime this month.

This Preferred Alternative Report is a continuation of a process that began in 2003, shortly after state legislation was passed to facilitate implementation of the historic Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA). The QSA provides, for a period of 35 to 75 years, a resolution of issues regarding the reasonable and beneficial use of Colorado River water and provides part of the mechanism for California to reduce its use of Colorado River water. The QSA facilitated the water transfers from the Imperial Irrigation District in the Imperial Valley to the San Diego County Water Authority. These transfers are being implemented in accordance with a schedule of farm land water conservation actions and fallowing. The transfers would substantially reduce the irrigation drainage that replenishes the Sea, thereby accelerating the rise in salinity and causing the Sea's elevation to decline. Of note, the QSA is composed of nearly 30 related agreements that document a multi-faceted compromise among the Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, and Metropolitan Water District.

There were nine alternatives, including the "No Action" alternative. The estimated capital costs for these alternatives range from \$800 million to \$8.9 billion. The estimated annual operation and maintenance costs range from \$48 million to \$142 million. The announced Preferred Alternative most resembles Alternative 6 below.

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Alternatives
1: No Action
2: Saline Habitat Complex I (38,000 acres of Saline Habitat Complex with minimum recirculation facilities and Air Quality Management)
3: Saline Habitat Complex II (75,000 acres of Saline Habitat Complex with brine recirculation and Air Quality Management)
4: Concentric Rings (61,000 acres of Marine Sea in two concentric rings, Air Quality Management , and no Saline Habitat Complex cells)
5: Concentric Lakes (88,000 acres of habitat similar to Saline Habitat Complex in four concentric water bodies as defined by the Imperial Group, with dedicated inflows for Air Quality Management but no long-term facilities)
6: North Sea (62,000 acres of Marine Sea in the northern sea bed, 45,500 acres of Saline Habitat Complex in the southern sea bed, and Air Quality Management)
7: North Sea Combined (74,000 acres of Marine Sea in the northern, western, and southern sea bed; 29,000 acres of Saline Habitat Complex cells in the southern sea bed; and Air Quality Management)
8: Combined North and South Lakes (104,000 acres of Marine Sea in the northern, western, and southern sea bed; 12,000 acres of Saline Habitat Complex cells in the eastern sea bed; water treatment of inflows and water withdrawn from the eastern portion of the northern Marine Sea; and use of Brine Stabilization for Air Quality Management at lower elevations)
9: South Sea Combined (83,000 acres of Marine Sea primarily in the southern sea bed with a smaller Marine Sea in the western and northern sea bed, 18,000 acres of Saline Habitat Complex in the southern sea bed, and Air Quality Management)

SCAG participated in the founding of the Salton Sea Authority (SSA), a joint powers entity that has brought together two county governments, two water districts and one Indian tribe. SSA was formed to work with California state agencies, federal agencies, and the Republic of Mexico to develop programs that would continue beneficial use of the Salton Sea. In the joint powers agreement, "beneficial use" includes the primary purpose of the Sea as a depository for agricultural drainage, storm water and wastewater flows; for protection of endangered species, fisheries and waterfowl; and for recreational purposes.

The SSA has advocated for its own alternative and wants a lead role in any restoration enterprise. The Authority's planning efforts have included financing proposals that seek to raise financing with the capture of tax increments from future development around a restored Sea. Some stakeholders consider commercial and residential development around the Sea with concern, considering the potentially adverse impacts it would have on the habitat aspects of a restoration effort.

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Consistent with the QSA and related agreements, federal and state law, Salton Sea restoration is to be accomplished without increased dependence on the Colorado River. Nonetheless, the interaction of water demands for ecosystem restoration and for municipal water supplies throughout southern California makes the pending policy choices about the Salton Sea a matter of great interest to a growing SCAG region with growing water demands.

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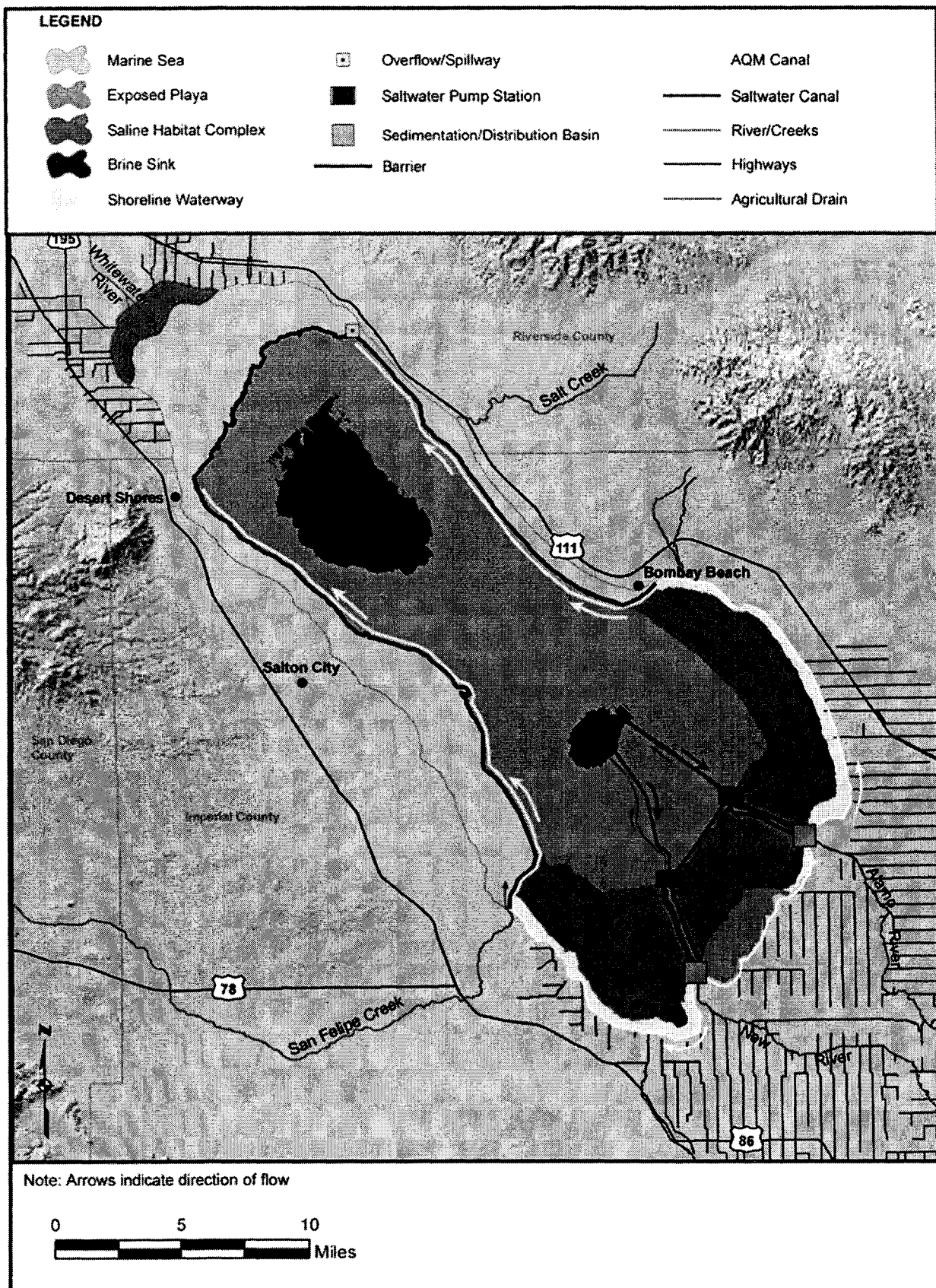


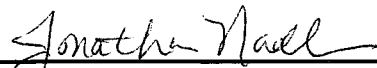
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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

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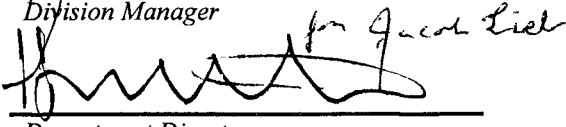
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MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Jennifer Brost Sarnecki, AICP, (213) 236-1829, sarnecki@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Goals and Outcomes for Energy

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2007, the Regional Comprehensive (RCP) Task Force and Benchmarks Task Force recommended the EEC review the proposed goals, outcomes and actions for the Energy Chapter of the RCP. Staff has undertaken a robust planning process for the energy chapter of the RCP including process design, policy compilation and review, and development of goals, outcomes and action plans. Staff has crafted specific sustainability goals and quantified performance outcomes as a central feature in each chapter. The outcomes represent the region's desired future position among a range of factors. Staff, with consultant assistance, has also crafted preliminary strategies and actions to assure that the outcomes are achieved.

Staff has sought input from the RCP Task Force, the Benchmarks Task Force, Energy Working Group, cities, counties, sub-regions, and various other stakeholders and experts on whether these outcomes are appropriate, achievable, and a good representation of the policy priorities of the region. Further, staff has contracted with a consultant to estimate the energy benefits from specific actions, which will be included in the final Energy Chapter.

Attachment: RCP Energy Chapter - Draft Goals, Outcomes and Actions

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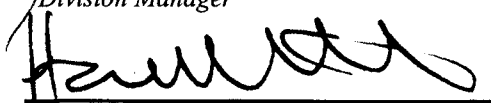
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RCP Energy Chapter

Draft Goals, Outcomes and Action Plan

Goals

1. *Reduce our region's consumption of non-renewable energy by:*

- Supplying the energy needs of the region today in a way that reduces the negative environmental impacts, social inequities, and economic hardship on future generations;
- Developing the infrastructure and social capital to adapt to a future energy economy with a constrained supply.

2. *Increase the share of renewable energy in the region by:*

- Ensuring the resiliency of the region's economy by encouraging and supporting renewable energy infrastructure; and
- Developing renewable energy sources that reduce the amount of air emissions emitted through the combustion of fossil fuels.

Outcomes

1. *Decrease the region's consumption of fossil fuels 25% from 1990 levels by 2020.*

2. *Increase the share of renewable energy generation in the region to 20% by 2010.*

Action Plan

Constrained Policies

EN 1: Encourage land use and planning strategies that address major global and regional impacts of fossil fuel use on the environment, economy and public health.

EN 1.1 (JFA – Easy to Implement) Develop Cool Communities Measures including tree planting and light-colored roofs

EN 1.2 (JFA – Easy to Implement) Encourage mixed-use residential/commercial development

EN 1.3 (JFA – Easy to Implement) Increase bike/walk trips

- EN 1.4** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Increase telecommuting
- EN 1.5** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Improve rideshare program including parking incentive, park/ride, ride home
- EN 1.6** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Encourage alternative work schedules
- EN 1.7** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Encourage transit oriented development
- EN 1.8** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Encourage more efficient commercial/residential space and water heaters
- EN 1.9** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Adopt energy saving standards for all new and remodeled buildings
- EN 1.10** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Change zoning ordinances to encourage in-fill development
- EN 1.11** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Require reduced energy intensity landscaping with smaller lawns-Xeriscape
- EN 1.12** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Codify LEED standards within the region
- EN 1.13** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Encourage combined heating and cooling (CHP) in all buildings
- EN 1.14** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Align streets for best solar
- EN 1.15** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Promote neighborhood energy systems
- EN 1.16** SCAG shall oppose current power plant projects at the US-Mexico border, until California Best Available Control Technologies are installed and maintained on all power plants along the border. - SCAG Resolution 144
- EN 1.17** SCAG shall encourage Lead Agencies to support only the use of the best available technology including monitoring, air, and water impacts for locating any nuclear waste facility. – SCAG Resolution 148
- EN 1.18** SCAG shall encourage cost-effective alternative and renewable energy generation facilities *(Preliminary Policy)
- EN 1.19** SCAG shall encourage cogeneration, where feasible and cost-effective.* (Preliminary Policy)

- EN 1.20** SCAG shall encourage increasing capacity of existing transmission lines, where feasible.*(Preliminary Policy)
- EN 1.21** SCAG shall encourage the public and private sectors to use energy efficient materials in building design, construction, rehabilitation, and retrofit.* (Preliminary Policy)
- EN 1.22** Regionally significant projects should include energy analyses in their CEQA documents (see CEQA Guidelines Appendix F)
- EN 1.23** Local governments should encourage new development to exceed Title 24 energy efficiency requirements.
- EN 1.24** Local governments should develop community energy programs that emphasize locally generated, renewable energy
- EN 1.25** Local governments should include energy conservation and efficiency policies in their general plans
- EN 1.26** Local governments should review the Compass Blueprint (2% Strategy) and ensure that energy efficiency measures are implemented in the 2% Strategy areas
- EN 1.27** Local governments should develop strategies to accommodate growth that use resources efficiently, eliminate pollution, and significantly reduce waste. - SCAG Growth Vision, Policy 72
- EN 1.28** Local governments should purchase alternative fuel vehicles, support the installation of refueling infrastructure, planning, education, and outreach to promote alternative fuel vehicles, support the development of legislation, programs, funding, and technology which addresses clean fleets and alternative fuels. - SCAG Resolution 145

EN 2: Consider potential energy constraints into future planning and programming

- EN 2.1** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Education Campaign
- EN 2.2** SCAG shall consider oil depletion into its planning and programming, including the Regional Transportation Plan.
- EN 2.3** SCAG shall continue to develop a data and information collection and analysis system that will provide an understanding of the energy implications for SCAG Region, including emissions of greenhouse gases.

- EN 2.4** SCAG shall continue to pursue partnerships with Southern California Edison and the Public Utilities Commission to promote energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region
- EN 2.5** Local governments should participate in energy efficiency programs provided by their local utility (see the Ventura Regional Energy Office, South Bay Energy Savings Center, and the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise program as an example)
- EN 2.6** Local governments should develop public awareness campaign strategies customized to their local communities, including information on carpooling and transit ridership
- EN 2.7** SCAG should maximize energy efficiency through the Compass Blueprint program. SCAG should encourage broadening the definition of Blueprint planning to include all energy saving strategies.
- EN 2.8** SCAG should collect and monitor energy data; make it publicly available

EN 3: Promote alternative energy sources that reduce the negative environmental impacts, social inequities and economic hardship on future generations.

- EN 3.1** (JFA) Improve Smog Check Program
- EN 3.2** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Implement free or reduce transit pricing for selected corridors or customers
- EN 3.3** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Expand light-duty vehicle retirement programs
- EN 3.4** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Increase commercial vehicle fleet modernization
- EN 3.5** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Implement driver training module on fuel consumption
- EN 3.6** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Replace gasoline powered mowers with electric mowers
- EN 3.7** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Reduce idling from construction equipment
- EN 3.8** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Incentivize alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- EN 3.9** (JFA – Easy to Implement) Develop infrastructure for AFVs

EN 3.10 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Increase use and mileage of HOV, HOT and dedicated BRT lanes

EN 3.11 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Implement truck idling rule, devices, and truck-stop electrification

EN 3.12 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Require electric truck refrigerator units

EN 3.13 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Reduce locomotives fuel use

EN 3.14 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Modernize older off-road engines and equipment

EN 3.15 (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Implement cold ironing at ports

EN 3.16 SCAG shall encourage cost-effective alternative and renewable energy generation facilities * (Preliminary Policy)

EN 3.17 SCAG shall encourage cogeneration, where feasible and cost-effective.* (Preliminary Policy)

EN 3.18 Local governments should purchase alternative fuel vehicles, support the installation of refueling infrastructure, planning, education, and outreach to promote alternative fuel vehicles, support the development of legislation, programs, funding, and technology which addresses clean fleets and alternative fuels. - SCAG Resolution 145

EN 3.19 SCAG should encourage freight mode shift (energy consultant work)

EN 4: Support legislation to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, encourage alternative energy sources and improve energy efficiency.

EN 4.1 (JFA) Increase Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE)

EN 4.2 (JFA) Expand EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard

EN 4.3 (JFA) Enforce EPACT alternate fuel vehicle requirements for govt/fuel providers

EN 4.4 (JFA) Increase gas guzzler tax

EN 4.5 (JFA) Improve heavy-duty truck efficiency

EN 4.6 (JFA) Eliminate business tax deduction for <6000 lb vehicles

* Please note: An asterisk * identifies items moved for inclusion in the RCP by the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). These items have not been approved by the SCAG Regional Council.

- EN 4.7** The Federal Government should increase the funding available for transit programs under the Highway Trust Fund
- EN 4.8** The Federal Government should develop a national consensus on alternative fuel research and development
- EN 4.9** The Federal Government should promote tax incentives for the commercial/domestic renewable energy generation, such as solar power and wind turbines
- EN 4.10** State and federal lawmakers and regulatory agencies should pursue the design of programs to either require or incentivize the expanded availability and use of alternative-fuel vehicles to reduce the impact of shifts in petroleum fuel supply and price. – SCAG EIR Policy 171
- EN 4.11** (JFA) Implement ARB GHG standards for light-duty vehicles (AB1493 Pavely)
- EN 4.12** (JFA) Develop LD-vehicle fuel efficiency Feebate Program
- EN 4.13** (JFA) Implement the low carbon fuel standard (LCFS)
- EN 4.14** (JFA) Implement Greenhouse Gas Standard (AB32)
- EN 4.15** (JFA) Implement Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
- EN 4.16** (JFA) Expand Solar Energy Initiative
- EN 4.17** (JFA) Implement mandatory time of use electricity pricing
- EN 4.18** (JFA) Incentivize purchase of new efficient and retirement of inefficient appliances
- EN 4.19** The state should include energy efficiency as criteria for blueprint funding
- EN 4.20** The state should encourage future new power generation be renewable to the greatest extent possible
- EN 4.21** The state should encourage reliable energy through the diversification of sources * (Preliminary policy)
- EN 4.22** State and federal lawmakers and regulatory agencies should pursue the design of programs to either require or incentivize the expanded availability and use of alternative-fuel vehicles to reduce the impact of shifts in petroleum fuel supply and price. – SCAG EIR Policy 171
- EN 4.23** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Implement fuel sales tax increase

- EN 4.24** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Provide funding for expanded transit
- EN 4.25** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Limit use and develop fleet rules for construction equipment
- EN 4.26** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Require zero-emission forklifts
- EN 4.27** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Develop landside port strategy: alternative fuels, clean engines, electrification
- EN 4.28** (JFA – Difficult to Implement) Codify LEED standards within the region
- EN 4.29** SCAG shall advocate for incentives that help developers build energy efficient homes and appropriately oriented buildings
- EN 4.30** SCAG shall monitor and provide input towards development of state energy projections, including the Integrated Energy Policy Report and similar policy documents including future efforts to determine the implications of energy generation and consumption for the built environment
- EN 4.31** SCAG shall encourage investment in transit -SCAG Growth Vision, Policy 72
- EN 4.32** The state or federal governments should require mileage-based vehicle insurance (energy consultant work)
- EN 4.33** Local governments should require parking cash-out (energy consultant work)
- EN 4.34** Local governments should implement congestion pricing (energy consultant work)

Strategic Initiatives

Energy Strategy 1: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) Local governments should alter zoning to improve jobs/housing balance

Energy Strategy 2: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) The state or federal governments should require mileage-based vehicle insurance

Energy Strategy 3: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) Local governments should require parking cash-out

Energy Strategy 4: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) Local governments should implement congestion pricing

Energy Strategy 5: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) SCAG should encourage freight mode shift

Energy Strategy 6: (JFA – Very Difficult to Implement) Local governments should base property taxes on energy consumption

Energy Strategy 7: SCAG should maximize energy efficiency through the Compass Blueprint program. SCAG should encourage broadening the definition of Blueprint planning to include all energy saving strategies.

Energy Strategy 8: SCAG should collect and monitor energy data; make it publicly available

MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Jessica Kirchner, (213) 236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Goals and Outcomes for Open Space

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2007, the Regional Comprehensive (RCP) Task Force and Benchmarks Task Force recommended the EEC review the proposed goals, outcomes and actions for the open space chapter of the RCP. Staff has undertaken a robust planning process for the open space chapter of the RCP including process design, policy compilation and review, and development of goals, outcomes and action plans. Staff has crafted specific sustainability goals and quantified performance outcomes as a central feature in each chapter. The outcomes represent the region's desired future position among a range of factors. Staff, with consultant assistance, has also crafted preliminary strategies and actions to assure that the outcomes are achieved.

Staff has sought input from the RCP Task Force, the Open Space Working Group, the Benchmarks Task Force, cities, counties, sub-regions, and various other stakeholders and experts on whether these outcomes are appropriate, achievable, and a good representation of the policy priorities of the region.

Attachment: Outcomes for the open space chapter of the RCP.

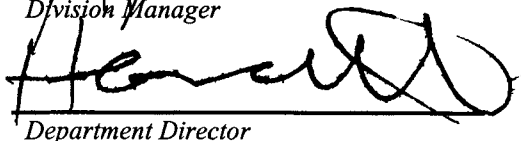
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Attachment
RCP Open Space Chapter
Draft Goals, Outcomes and Action Plan
June 11, 2007

Natural Lands

Goals

Ensure a sustainable ecology by protecting and enhancing the region's open space infrastructure and mitigate growth and transportation related impacts to natural lands by:

- Conserving natural lands that are necessary to preserve the ecological function and value of the region's ecosystems;
- Conserving wildlife linkages as critical components of the region's open space infrastructure;
- Coordinating transportation and open space to reduce transportation impacts to natural lands.

Outcomes

1. By 2035, increase the amount of protected open space in the region by at least 700,000 acres of natural lands that include important wildlife linkages, have special status habitats or species and/or buffer protected natural lands from development. The number of acres protected would be roughly proportionate to the urban footprint of the 2004 RTP.
2. By 2012, have in place approved conservation strategies for all regionally significant wildlife linkages.

Action Plan (Partial)

Constrained Policies

- SCAG shall set up a clearinghouse of important GIS data used for open space planning. SCAG shall maintain and update the regional open space database, track open space conservation and development in the region provide annual updates on conservation efforts as part of the State of the Region.
- SCAG shall work with local governments and conservation organizations to promote coordinated mitigation programs for regional projects and establish the basis for inter regional conservation strategies.
- SCAG will work with CTCs to ensure that at least one acre of unprotected open space is permanently conserved for each acre of open space developed as a result of growth that accompanies transportation projects/improvements.

Strategic Initiatives

- The State should establish an institutional framework that would allow SCAG to oversee the natural lands conservation program.
- SCAG should have an open space funding program in place and have established a separate non profit entity to oversee funding for conservation compacts or conservation opportunities pursued by SCAG.

Community Open Space

Goals

Enhance the region's parks, trails and community open space infrastructure to support the aesthetic, recreational, and quality-of-life needs, providing the highest level of service to our growing region by:

- Creating new community open space that is interconnected, accessible, equitably distributed and provides public health benefits.
- Improving existing community open space through urban forestry and other programs that provide environmental benefits.

Outcomes

1. By 2035, all SCAG subregions have community open space systems that have an "above average" level of service (LOS).
2. An "above average" LOS for community open space, by 2012, in areas that participated in SCAG's 2% Strategy demonstration projects.
3. From 2007 conditions, increase the percentage of transit trips that can access community open space in one hour or less by 2012.

Action Plan (Partial)

Constrained Policies

- SCAG shall establish a LOS methodology for community open space and set a standard for acceptable LOS.
- SCAG shall require all Compass 2% strategy demonstration projects initiated after approval of the 2007 RCP to include a strategy for providing and conserving open space in or near demonstration projects.
- SCAG shall encourage local jurisdiction to prepare a Needs Assessment to determine the adequate community open space levels for their areas.

Strategic Initiatives

- Revise the *CEQA Guidelines* to ensure that the LOS paradigm is a recognized tool for planning and evaluating community open space.
- Local governments should revise their General Plans to ensure that the LOS paradigm is a recognized tool for planning and evaluating community open space.

Agricultural Lands

Goals

Preserve the productivity and viability of the region's agricultural lands while supporting a sustainable economy and region by:

- Maintaining a viable level of agriculture to support economic and food supply needs for the region while supporting sustainable energy, air quality, and transportation policies;

- Promote and support a strong locally-grown food system by encouraging community farming and developing cooperative farming initiatives that use sustainable farming practices.

Outcomes

1. At least 6,500 acres enrolled in a new regional farmland conservation program and no net loss of farmlands enrolled the regional program through 2035.
2. Develop an outcome that focuses on locally grown food consumed in the region.
3. Develop an outcome that focuses on the number of farmers using sustainable farming practices.

Action Plan (Partial)

Constrained Policies

- SCAG shall work with the agriculture community and other interested parties to establish a regional Farmland Conservation Strategy.
- SCAG will use its IGR process to flag projects with potentially significant impacts to important farmlands and recommend impact avoidance and mitigation measures.
- SCAG shall develop a measure to evaluate food miles.¹

Strategic Initiatives

- The State should pass legislation to reform the Williamson Act or replace it with new initiatives and incentives to prevent the continued urbanization of existing farmlands.

¹ food mile is the distance food travels from where it is grown or raised to where it is ultimately purchased by the consumer or other end-user

MEMO

DATE: July 12, 2007

TO: Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Doug Kim, SCAG Consultant, (213) 236-1967, kimd@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Vision and Guiding Principles

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force requested that staff articulate a vision and guiding principles for the RCP. The vision and guiding principles have been reviewed by the RCP Task Force and staff has incorporated the comments in the most recent version.


These statements are an articulation of themes and concepts discussed throughout the RCP process. They are based on the Growth Vision principles of sustainability, livability, prosperity and mobility. They describe how the RCP can promote and sustain these principles and provide a conceptual framework for the document. This approach is consistent with previous RCP Task Force discussions that identified the RCP as part of the Compass Growth Vision and 2% Strategy Implementation. These principles will be addressed in each of the nine chapters.

Staff plans to bring forth the Open Space and Energy chapters to the EEC for review in July and the Solid Waste, Air Quality and Water in September. The Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for release by fall 2007 with the final version accompanying the Regional Transportation Plan's adoption.

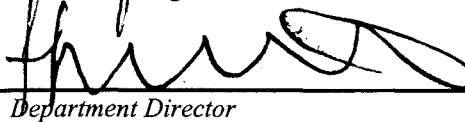
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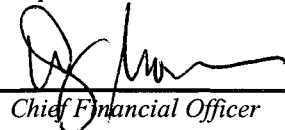
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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Vision

The vision of the Regional Comprehensive Plan is to foster a Southern California region that addresses future needs while recognizing the interrelationship between economic prosperity, natural resource sustainability, and quality of life.

Through measured performance and tangible outcomes, the RCP serves as both an action plan for implementation of short-term strategies and a call to action for strategic, long-term initiatives that are guided by the following Guiding Principles for sustaining a livable region:

Guiding Principles

Principle 1 - Improve mobility for all residents

Improve the efficiency of the transportation system by strategically adding new travel choices to enhance system connectivity in concert with land use decisions and environmental objectives.

Principle 2- Foster livability in all communities

Foster safe, healthy, walkable communities with diverse services, strong civic participation, affordable housing and equal distribution of environmental benefits.

Principle 3 – Enable prosperity for all people

Promote economic vitality and new economies by providing housing, education, and job training opportunities for all people.

Principle 4 – Promote sustainability for future generations

Promote a region where quality of life and economic prosperity for future generations are supported by the sustainable use of natural resources.